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In re the Application of

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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING ORGANIC EL DEVICE, ORGANIC EL
DEVICE AND ELECTRONIC APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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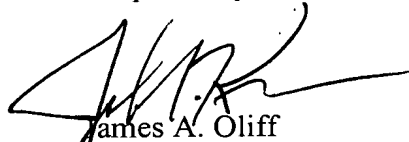
Sir:

In reply to the May 19, 2003, Restriction Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Group II, claims 17-20, drawn to an organic EL device and an electronic apparatus having an organic EL device, classified in class 313, subclass 504, with traverse.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-20 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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